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SCHEMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicapped persons at present in Tamil Nadu and the details of the rehabilitation schemes initiated by the Government;

(b) the funds allocated for these schemes during the last three years, year-wise and scheme-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide special equipments/infrastructure facilities to ease the hardships faced by the handicapped in daily walks of life?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) As per sample survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation(NSSO) in 1991, an estimated 12.36 lakh persons are suffering from some kind of physical or sensory disability in Tamil Nadu. The Government is supporting a number of rehabilitation programmes which interalia include education, vocational training, health, employment, research etc. for persons with disabilities.

(b) The allocation of funds for disability schemes supported by the Ministryduring last 3 years are Rs. 204.69 crores in 1999-2000, Rs. 261.66 crores in 2000-2001 and Rs. 261.89 crores in 2001-2002.

(c) Under the scheme for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances assistance isprovided to needy persons for acquiring necessary aids and appliances. Guidelines & Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for personswith disabilities and Modal Building Byelaws have been prepared and circulated to all States/UT Governments for incorporating barrier free featuresboth inside and outside buildings.